

Head only. Kassim river, Abyssinia, 19 January, 1899.  
(No. 232.)

Iris brown ; bill brown ; top of the head yellow-brown ; sides of the face and throat bright light blue ; legs black. Total length (measured in the flesh) 22·5 inches.

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XVII.—*On a Collection of Birds made by Captain A. M. Farquhar, R.N., in the New Hebrides.* By R. BOWDLER SHARPE, LL.D., &c.

(Plate VII.)

THE collection here described has been presented to the British Museum by Captain A. M. Farquhar of H.M.S. 'Wallaroo,' and as he visited many islands in which very little collecting had previously been done, he obtained some interesting and beautiful new birds.

He writes to me on the 9th of October, 1899:—"I have been in these parts from May till now, and have got together specimens of some forty different species of birds. I lost few opportunities of trying to add to the collection, and I hope my efforts may have been of some use. Oddly enough, the birds in the New Hebrides are very shy, at least the smaller kinds, for the natives seem to be always after them with their bows. I could not get a cock Blackbird, and of the four or five hens, I shot only one myself, the natives having snared the others. They are very wild, and it is difficult in the bush to stalk to within 30 or 40 yards of them. I got several Megapodes' eggs, but failed to obtain a skin, as we were never able to stay long enough in one place, and the natives brought them in after we had left, when there was no one to skin them.

"I did not trouble about the sea- or shore-birds, and did not succeed in obtaining a bird which the natives described as nesting in holes in the mountains—some sort of Shearwater, I presume.

"I saw several places where the Megapodes laid their eggs ; these are concealed at the decayed root of a tree. Coming

south from New Caledonia, the first Albatross I saw was about 200 miles south of that place, which seemed to be a long way north; it looked like *Diomedea exulans* in size."

CIRCUS WOLFI Gurney; Wiglesw. Aves Polyn. p. 3 (1891); Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 246. (1899).

No. 75. ♂ imm. Fila, Efaté [Vaté], July 25, 1899.—Bill plumbeous, darkest at tip; base of culmen yellowish green; cere blue; feet yellow; iris golden yellow.

STRIX LULU Peale; Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 301 (1899).

*Strix flammea lulu* Wiglesw. t. c. p. 3 (1891).

No. 96. ♂ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 7, 1899.—Bill fleshy white, yellowish at base; feet dirty yellow; iris dark.

[I saw two Owls, apparently of this species, at Erromanga.—A. M. F.]

TRICHOGLOSSUS MASSENA Bp.; Wiglesw. t. c. p. 7 (1891).

Nos. 3, 14. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo.—Bill red-orange; feet powdery black; iris bright golden red with dark centre. Feeding on coco-nut palm.

[Common in all the islands, going generally in pairs, and feeding in the flowering trees.—A. M. F.]

HYPOCHARMOSYNA PALMARUM (Gm.); Salvad. Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xx. p. 78 (1891).

Nos. 92, 93. ♂ ad. Elephant Island, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 6, 1899.—Bill red-orange; feet dull orange; iris bright yellow.

No. 97. ♂ ad. No. 98. ? ♀ ad. Dip Point, Ambryn, Aug. 15, 1899.

Seen several times on Ambryn; also at Hoy Head, on Espiritu Santo, and on Vanua Lava. Not very common anywhere. Feeds in the flowering trees.

Nos. 106, 107. ♂ ♀ ad. Vanua Lava, Banks Island, Sept. 11, 1899.

CACOMANTIS SCHISTACEIGULARIS, sp. nov.

*C. similis C. simo*, sed ubique saturator, gutture toto sordide schistaceo, et rectricibus externis haud albo transfasciatis distinguenda. Long. tot. 10·1 poll.; culm. 0·9, alæ 5·1; caudæ 5·1; tarsi 0·9.



No. 91. ♂ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 7, 1899.—  
Bill black; feet dirty yellow; iris red.

Nos. 120, 121. ♂ ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 18,  
1899.—Stomach contained beetles.

The *Cacomantis* from the New Hebrides is distinct from the New Caledonian bird and also from that of the Fiji Islands. Capt. Shelley found only a slight difference in the size of the bill to separate *Cacomantis simus* of Fiji from *C. bronzinus* of New Caledonia. *C. bronzinus* and *C. schistaceigularis* have very similarly coloured tails, the outer rectrices having narrow white bars on the inner web; but in the former bird the rufous of the under surface is continued right up to the chin, whereas in the New-Hebridean examples the entire throat is dark slaty grey. In *C. simus*, from the Fiji Islands, the throat is pale grey to a certain extent, but the tail-markings are very different, for the white tips and tail-bands are very broad and often extend right across the feathers.

HALCYON FARQUHARI Sharpe, Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, x.  
p. xxix (Dec. 1899). (Plate VII.)

No. 9. ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 7, 1899.—  
Culmen black; genys whity flesh, tip black; legs bluish  
black; iris dark.

No. 29. ♂ ad. Tangkunen, Mallicollo.—Iris dark brown,  
with black centre; legs black.

No. 112. ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 16, 1899.

This is a remarkable new species of *Halcyon* of the *Cyanalcyon* section, and apparently quite distinct from any of those described. From *H. leucopygius*, which seems to be its most direct ally, it is at once recognizable by its blue lower back and cinnamon-orange breast and abdomen. It cannot be confounded with *H. winchelli* or *H. quadricolor* or any other species of the red-breasted group, as the cinnamon-orange colour of the underparts is quite peculiar.

HALCYON JULIÆ (Heine); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus.  
xvii. p. 264 (1892); Wigglesw. t. c. p. 14.

No. 21. ? ♀ juv. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo.—Upper man-  
dible black; lower mandible white, black at tip; iris dark.

No. 53. ♀ ad. Errakate R., Espiritu Santo, June 18, 1899.—Feet dirty flesh-colour; iris dark.

No. 20. ♂ imm. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 15, 1899.—Bill, upper mandible black, lower mandible white, black at tip; feet horn-colour, toes darker; iris dark.

No. 73. ♂ ad. Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, July 24, 1899.

COLLOCALIA UROPYGIALIS Gray; Hartert, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xvi. p. 507 (1892); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 17.

No. 28. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.—Bill black; feet horn-colour; iris black. Common.

No. 60. ♂ ad. Tagoa, S. of Espiritu Santo, June 21, 1899.—Feet brownish black, claws black.

COLLOCALIA FUCIPHAGA (Thunb.); Hartert, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xiv. p. 498 (1892); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 17.

No. 57. ♂ ad. Errakate, S. of Espiritu Santo, June 18, 1899.—Bill and feet black; iris dark. Common.

No 77. ♀ ad. Havannah Harbour, Efaté [Vaté], July 27, 1899.

HIRUNDO TAHITICA Gm.; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. x. p. 141 (1885); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 18.

No. 54. Ad. Errakate R., Espiritu Santo, June 18, 1899.

#### RHIPIDURA SANCTA.

*Rhipidura sancta* Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. x. p. xxix (Dec. 1899).

Nos. 113, 114. ♂ ♀. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 17, 1899.—Bill black, light horn-colour at base; feet brown; iris dark. Generally in pairs.

Compared with eight specimens of *R. verreauxi*, the two birds from Espiritu Santo are distinguished by the dingy-white colour on the outer tail-feathers and by the greyish-white throat and chest, the latter being not nearly so thickly mottled with blackish centres to the feathers.

#### RHIPIDURA ERROMANGÆ, sp. nov.

*R. similis R. brenchleyi*, sed macula gulari nigricante et gastræo luteo ochraceo-flavo distinguenda. Long. tot. 5·9 poll.; culm. 0·55; alæ 2·7; candæ 3·0; tarsi 0·7.

Nos. 36, 44. ♂ ad. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 25, 1899.—Feet dark brown; iris dark.

This race of white-shafted Fantail Flycatchers appears to be intermediate between *R. brenchleyi* and *R. saturata*. It has a bright ochraceous under surface like the latter, and the mark on the throat is black, but the inner edge of the tail-feathers has a much broader margin of white, so that the Erromangan bird appears to be a distinct form like *R. brenchleyi*.

MYIAGRA MELANURA Gray; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 379 (1879).

*M. caledonica melanura* Wigglesw. t. c. p. 23.

No. 10. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 13, 1899.—

Feet dark plumbeous; iris dark with golden centre. Common.

No. 25. ♂ ad. Port Sandwich, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.—

Bill plumbeous, dark at tip.

No. 30. ♂ ad. Island of Rano, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.

MYIAGRA TANNAENSIS Tristr. Ibis, 1879, p. 192.

*M. perspicillata tannaensis* Wigglesw. t. c. p. 23.

No. 32. Ad. Foreland Bay, Epi. Bill lead-colour, darker at tip; feet lead-colour; iris dark.

Nos. 43, 46. ♀ Ad. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 26, 1899.

PETRÆCA AMBRYNENSIS, sp. nov.

*P. similis P. pusillæ*, gutture nigerrimo, sed secundariis intimis nigris, minime albido limbatis distinguenda. Long. tot. 4·3 poll.; culm. 0·55; alæ 2·4; caudæ 2·7; tarsi 0·75.

No. 99. ♂ ad. No. 100. ♂ juv. Dip Point, Ambryn Isl., Aug. 15, 1899.—Bill and feet black; iris dark.

The adult male has the black of the upper parts and of the throat intense like *P. pusilla* of Samoa and the Fiji Islands, and does not resemble *P. similis* from Aneiteum and Tanna, as one would have expected. In fact the Ambryn bird appears to be intermediate between the two forms.

PETRÆCA SIMILIS Gray; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 169; Wigglesw. t. c. p. 24.

No. 40. ♂ juv. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 26, 1899.—  
Bill and feet dark brown.

ARTAMIDES CALEDONICUS (Gm.); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 10 (1879); Wigglesw. t. c. p. 24.

No. 6. ♀ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 13, 1899.—  
Bill and feet black; iris light yellow, with black centre.

Common. Very inquisitive, and sure to appear at once on hearing the alarm-note of any other bird.

DIAPHOROPTERUS NÆVIUS (Forst.); Oberh. Proc. Philad. Acad. 1899, p. 214.

*Symmorphus navius* (Gm.); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 110 (1879); Wigglesw. t. c. p. 26.

No. 12. Juv. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 13, 1899.—  
Bill dark horn-colour, lighter at base of under mandible;  
feet dark plumbeous; iris dark.

Nos. 70, 71. ♂ ad. 72. ♀. Dillon's Bay, Erromanga,  
July 24, 1899.—Bill and legs black.

No. 78. Ad. Efaté [Vaté].

LALAGE FLAVOTINCPA, Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. x. p. xxviii (Dec. 1899).

No. 17. ♀ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo.—Bill dark slate-colour; feet plumbeous; iris dark.

No. 61. ♀ ad. Tangoa, Espiritu Santo, June 21, 1899.

No. 62. ♂ ad. S. of Espiritu Santo, June 22, 1899.

No. 85. ♂ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 4, 1899.—  
Bill black; feet dark plumbeous.

The four specimens from the above-mentioned islands all agree together, and differ from the type specimens of *Lalage banksiana*, in having the under surface of the body and the light pattern of the wings and tail of a beautiful yellow instead of white. My first idea was that the colour of the Vanua Lava types had faded, but the figure drawn from the fresh specimens by Smit in the "Cruise of the 'Curaçoa'" depicts *L. banksiana* as white below with a slight tinge of fawn-colour, which is the tint of the specimens at the

present day. I cannot see that the Efaté [Vaté] examples in the Museum are different from the Vanua Lava birds, which is a somewhat curious fact in geographical distribution, but with the series at my disposal I can come to no other conclusion than that *L. flavotincta* is distinct.

*PACHYCEPHALA INTACTA*, sp. nov.

♂ similis *P. chloruræ* ♂, sed clarius flavicanti-viridis.

♀ similis *P. chloruræ* ♀, sed supra viridescentior, pileo et faciei lateribus brunneis, et subcaudalibus flavis distinguenda. Long. tot. 6·8 poll.; culm. 0·75; alæ 3·25; caudæ 2·5; tarsi 0·95.

Nos. 13, 16. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 13, 1899.—Bill black; feet dark plumbeous; iris dark.

No. 63. ♂ imm. Tangoa, Espiritu Santo, June 22, 1899.—Bill dark horn-colour; feet plumbeous brown.

Nos. 79, 80. ♀ ad. 82. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicolla, July 31, 1899.

The type of *Pachycephala chlorura* is from Erromanga, and the type of *Eopsaltria cucullata* is from Aneiteum. Mr. Wilesworth has pointed out (Bull. Brit. Orn. Club, viii. p. xlv) that the latter species is the female of *P. chlorura*, a self-evident fact which it seems extraordinary that Dr. Gadow could have missed, as the hen of *P. chlorura* from Aneiteum is absolutely identical with *E. cucullata*, also from Aneiteum (!), and evidently of the same species.

I find that the males from Aneiteum, Tanna, and Erromanga are darker and greener than those from Mallicollo, Efaté, and Espiritu Santo, which are decidedly more yellow in colour. The females, however, show more decided differences than the males, for they have a greenish back contrasting with the brown head and face, and the chest and sides of the breast are more ashy brown; the under tail-coverts are bright yellow. Captain Farquhar says that *P. intacta* is a common species on Mallicollo.

*ARTAMUS MELANOLEUCUS* (Forst.); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xiii. p. 8 (1890); Wilesw. t. c. p. 26.

No. 1. Ad. Fila, Efaté [Vaté], May 10, 1899.—Bill grey-blue; legs black; iris dark. Infested by a parasitical fly like a



grouse-fly. Hawks round the higher boughs of large trees. Has a habit of sitting in a row together on dead branches. Common in some parts of the New Hebrides.

No. 64. ♀ ad. South side of Espiritu Santo, June 22, 1899.—Bill plumbeous.

CLYTORHYNCHUS GRISESCENS.

*Clytorhynchus griseus* Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. x. p. xxix (1899).

No. 59. ♀. S. of Espiritu Santo, June 21, 1899.

No. 111. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 16, 1899.—Bill dark brown, lighter at the base; gape yellow; feet plumbeous; iris dark.

No. 81. Mallicollo, July 31, 1899.—Feet plumbeous; bill black; gape yellow; iris dark.

As already pointed out in the 'Bulletin,' the birds from Mallicollo and Espiritu Santo appear to differ from the true *C. pachycephaloides* in their grey lores, sides of the face, throat, and fore-neck. The example from Efaté [Vaté] appears to be also slightly different.

CLYTORHYNCHUS VATENSIS.

*Clytorhynchus vatensis* Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. x. p. xxix (1899).

No. 48. ♀. Fila, Efaté, June 15, 1899.—Bill plumbeous, very light at the end; upper mandible with a black stripe along the centre; feet plumbeous, with the claws very pale; iris dark.

MYZOMELA CARDINALIS (Gm.); Wigglesw. t. e. p. 32.

♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 13, 1899.—Feeding on flowering trees.

No. 18. ♂ juv. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 14, 1899.

No. 31. ♂ ad. Port Sandwich, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.

No. 47. ♀ imm. Fila, Efaté [Vaté], June 15, 1899.

No. 105. ♂ ad. Big Bay, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 7, 1899.

GLYCIPIHILA NOTABILIS, Sharpe, Bull. B. O. C. x. p. xxix (1899).

Nos. 108, 109. ♂ ad. Vanua Lava, Sept. 11, 12, 1899.—Apparently replaces *G. flavotincta* in Vanua Lava.

No. 110. ♀ ad. Vanua Lava, Sept. 12.—Bill and legs black; iris dark.

This is an exceedingly well-marked species, and I can find nothing very closely resembling it. Its nearest ally seems to be *G. fasciata* of New Caledonia, but from this species it differs in its brown back, contrasting with the black forehead and vertex, these being bordered on each side by an eyebrow of white-tipped plumes; the ear-coverts and cheeks are also blackish, speckled with greyish white; the under surface of the body is uniform greyish white, without any dusky cross-bars, though the flanks have broad dusky brown streaks, and the under tail-coverts are centred with dusky and tinged with yellow; the under wing-coverts and quill-linings are ferruginous.

GLYCIPHILA FLAVOTINCTA Gray; Wigglesw. t. c. p. 33.

No. 35. ♀ ad. (ovaries much developed). Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 25, 1899.—Bill black; feet dull lead; iris bright orange, ring very large; pupil black.

Nos. 42, 45. ♀ ad. Polenia Bay, May 26, 1899.

Nos. 50, 51. ♂ ♀ ad. Fila, Efaté [Vaté], June 15, 1899.

ZOSTEROPS MACGILLIVRAYI, sp. nov.

*Z. similis* *Z. rendovæ*, sed rostro valde brevius, pedibus nigricantibus, minime albicantibus, et fascia brevi supralorali flava distinguenda; annulo ophthalmico albo. Long. tot. 4·8; culm. 0·55; alæ 2·4; caudæ 1·7; tarsi 0·85.

No. 11. ♀ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo.—Bill dark brown, lighter at base; feet dull yellowish brown; iris dark.

No. 26. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.

No. 33. ♂ ad. Foreland Bay, Epi, May 23, 1899.

Dr. Forbes having kindly lent me the type of *Zosterops rendovæ* Tristr., I find, on comparison, that the New Hebrides birds are certainly distinct, having the culmen 0·55–0·6 inch instead of 0·65 as in *Z. rendovæ* (cf. Sharpe, Cat. B. ix. p. 188). They are rather greener in tint, and they all lack the yellow on the forehead, in this respect agreeing with birds from Aneiteum. They are not of such a bright yellow below as *Z. flavifrons*, and the greenish colour

of the flanks is therefore not in such evident contrast. There is scarcely any trace of a loreal dusky spot, but a small supraloral streak of yellow is present, and a white eye-ring also forms another character for the separation of the species from *Z. rendovie*.

*ZOSTEROPS FLAVIFRONS* (Lath.); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 187 (1884); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 36.

No. 2. ♂ ad. Fila, Efaté, May 10, 1899.—Bill brown; feet bluish.

This specimen agrees with others in the Museum from Erromanga and from the typical locality of Tanna. The other White-eyes obtained by Captain Farquhar appear to me to belong to different species.

*ZOSTEROPS GRISEONOTA*, Gray.

*Z. westernensis* (Q. & G.), pt., Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. ix. p. 155 (1884); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 27.

*Z. vatensis* Tristr.; Sharpe, t. c. p. 158; Wiglesw. t. c. p. 27.

No. 56. ♀ ad. Errakate R., S. of Espiritu Santo, June 18, 1899.—Bill and feet pale horn-colour; iris dark.

No. 84. ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 4, 1899.—Bill horn-colour; feet light plumbeous; iris brown.

Since I wrote the account of the genus *Zosterops* in the 'Catalogue of Birds,' the Museum has acquired several specimens of *Z. vatensis* through the Seebohm bequest, and I now believe that the white under tail-coverts are caused by the fact that the specimens have been preserved in alcohol, which has destroyed the yellow tint. The extent of the yellow on the throat is also a character which is not confirmed by a series, and therefore *Z. vatensis* must be united to *Z. griseonota*, as I cannot separate New Hebridean birds from the typical New Caledonian form.

*MERULA MAREENSIS* (Layard); Seebohm, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. v. p. 249 (1881).

*Merula vanicorensis* (Q. & G.); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 38.

No. 83. ♀ imm. Sandwich Bay, Mallieollo, Aug. 1, 1899.—Bill and gape yellow; legs bright yellow; iris dark

brown; eyelash yellow. Alarm-note like a Blackbird's 'siss, siss.' The only one seen on Mallicollo.

Nos. 87-89, 116, 117. ♀. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. and Sept. 1899.

Captain Farquhar, in his notes, refers to the fact that the Mallicollo bird is not so dark as that from Espiritu Santo and is a little smaller. He writes:—"Very wild, but not uncommon near Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo. I obtained three clutches of eggs, two incubated, two fresh, one just laid; also a nest with two young birds. The nest was of fine roots, lined with dead blades of grass and dead leaves. Dimensions  $5 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 2$  in. The eggs like those of *Turdus iliacus*:  $2.5 \times 1.6$ . This Thrush breeds in August and September."

It is unfortunate that Captain Farquhar obtained only hen birds (*vide antea*, p. 337), and all Mr. Layard's specimens from Maré seem to have been preserved in spirits, so that an exact comparison between the specimens from the two localities has been difficult. I have, however, been unable to find any tangible point of difference between them, and I think that it is extremely probable that *M. mareensis* is the *M. vanicorensis* of Quoy and Gaimard, as Mr. Wilesworth has suggested, especially as the white-streaked under tail-coverts are mentioned in the description, though omitted in the plate, of *M. vanicorensis*. A comparison of New Hebrides birds with specimens from Vanikoro will be necessary.

*ERYTHRURA CYANEIFRONS* Layard; Wilesw. t. c. p. 42; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xiii. p. 386 (1890).

No. 66. ♂ ad. Fila, Efaté, July 1, 1899.—Bill black; legs yellowish flesh-colour; iris dark. Feeding in flocks on grass-seeds.

Nos. 67, 69. ♀ ad. 68. ♂ ad. Fila, Efaté, July 1, 1899.

No. 101. ♂ ad. Dip Point, Ambryu, August 15, 1899.

*APLONIS RUFIPENNIS* Layard; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xiii. p. 137 (1890).

No. 55. ♀ ad. Errakate R., Espiritu Santo, June 18, 1899.—Bill and legs black; iris dark brown.

No. 65. ♀ ad. Ambryn, June 26, 1899.

Dr. Forbes has kindly sent me the type of Mr. Layard's *A. rufipennis*, which, unlike the majority of the Layardian types, is not in the British Museum, but in the Tristram Collection in the Liverpool Museum. It is a specimen sent from Vaté in alcohol, and the birds from Ambryn and Espiritu Santo are evidently identical. It seems to me to be this same bird which is figured in the "Voyage of the 'Astrolabe'" as *Lamprotornis zelandica* (pl. 9. fig. 1).

In 'The Ibis' for 1894 (p. 31) Canon Tristram has recorded *A. rufipennis* from Santa Cruz Island; but I find that the two specimens from that island in the Tristram Collection, lent me by Dr. Forbes, really belong to a different species. Having drawn the attention of Dr. Forbes to this fact, I am glad to say that he agrees with me as to their distinctness, and has described the Santa Cruz species as *A. maxwelli* (Bull. Liverp. Mus. ii. p. 116.).

*PTILOPUS GREYI* Bp.; Wiglesw. t. c. p. 263; Salvad. Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxi. p. 85 (1893); Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 56 (1899).

No. 5. Juv. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 12, 1899.—Bill green; feet pink; iris golden.

No. 15. ♂ ad. Sandwich Bay, May 17, 1899.—Bill apple-green; feet dusky pink; iris dark with golden ring.

No. 27. ♂ ad. Mallicollo, May 19, 1899.—Feet dirty purple-red.

No. 52. ♀ imm. Fila, Efaté [Vaté], June 15, 1899.—Bill green; feet dirty brownish pink; iris golden.

No. 104. ♂ juv. Terebin, Big Bay, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 7, 1899.

No. 118. ? ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 18, 1899. No. 118. ? ad.—Bill dark apple-green. Stomach full of small seeds.

*SYLPHITRERON TANNENSIS* (Lath.); Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 59 (1899).

*Ptilopus tannensis* Wiglesw. t. c. p. 247; Salvad. Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxi. p. 127 (1893).

- No. 37. ♀ imm. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 25, 1899.—  
Bill dull lead; legs dirty purplish; iris dark.
- No. 38. ♂ ad. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 25, 1899.—  
Bill slate-blue; iris mauve, large dark pupil.
- No. 76. ♂ ad. Tangoa, S. of Espiritu Santo, June 21,  
1899.

It should be noticed that both these specimens are lighter and more *oily-green*, and not so *grass-green* as the other birds in the British Museum, where the *Vaté* specimen alone corresponds with them. The adults from Erromanga and Espiritu Santo show curious blackish bands across the lower surface of the primaries, whereas the quill-lining in the Museum series is uniform pearly grey. There are traces of these obscure bars in the *Vaté* bird.

GLOBICERA FARQUHARI sp. nov.

Similis *G. pacificæ*, sed ubique saturatior; subalaribus et remigibus intus saturate plumbeis; linea lorali mentoque albis; pileo, collo undique et præpectore saturate schistaceis, pectore sordide vinaceo. Long. tot. 15·5 poll., culm. 0·95, alæ 9·1, caudæ 5·5, tarsi 1·3.

- No. 39. ♀. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 28, 1899.

This species seems to be quite distinct from *G. pacifica*, being a very much darker bird, with a slaty-grey head, neck, and chest. It belongs to the section with dark leaden-grey under-wing-coverts.

GLOBICERA PACIFICA (Gm.); Salvad. Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxi. p. 173 (1893); Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 63 (1899).

*Carpophaga pacifica* Wieglesw. t. c. p. 51.

- No. 4. ♀ ad. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 15, 1898.—  
Feet crimson-pink; iris with a dark centre and an orange circle. Breeding on high fruit-trees; crop full of palm-seeds.

- No. 103. ♀. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, Sept. 4, 1899.

It seems to me that at least two species are included in the series of specimens determined as *G. pacifica* by Count Salvadori. The Samoan and Friendly Islands bird has dark plumbeous under-wing-coverts and quill-linings, and has the vinous colour of the under surface extending up to the

base of the bill, without any chestnut contrasting on the abdomen.

The bird from the Louisiades and the New Hebrides appears to me to be distinct, having a much lighter pearly-grey head and mantle, white chin and frontal line, and a distinct shade of vinous-chestnut overspreading the abdomen, and contrasting with the clearer vinous of the chest. I have, however, followed Count Salvadori in adopting the name of *G. pacifica* for the New Hebrides examples, but I would call attention to the pearly-grey head and mantle, and to the much lighter grey under-wing-coverts and quill-linings. The name of *G. tarraii* Bp. is perhaps available for this bird, as the type of that species came from Vanikoro, and is in all likelihood identical with the Louisiade form.

*COLUMBA LEOPOLDI* (Tristr.); Wiglesw. t. c. p. 53; Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 72.

No. 74. ♀. Dillon's Bay, Erromanga, July 24, 1899.—Bill and legs dull coral-red; iris golden.

No. 95. ♀. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 7, 1899.

No. 119. ♂. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 18, 1899.

*MACROPYGIA RUFA* Ramsay; Wiglesw. t. c. p. 54; Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 75.

No. 24. ♂ ad. Port Sandwich, Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.—Bill dark horn; feet pink; iris dark, with golden circle.

No. 58. ♀ juv. S. of Espiritu Santo, June 21, 1899.—Bill and feet reddish brown.

*CHALCOPHAPS CHRYSOCHLORA* Gould; Wiglesw. t. c. p. 57; Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 83 (1899).

No. 23. ♂ ad. Mallicollo, May 17, 1899.—Bill orange-red, tip horn; legs dirty purple; iris dark. Common. Natives snare these birds freely. Breeds in September. Feeds on ground. Stomach full of small seeds.

No. 41. ♂ ad. Polenia Bay, Erromanga, May 26, 1899.

No. 86. ♀ ad. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Aug. 5, 1899.—Feet purplish pink; iris golden. Feeds on the ground, on seeds.

PORPHYRIO SMARAGDINUS Temm.; Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxiii. p. 203 (1894).

No. 31. ♀ ad. Pangkumu, Mallicollo, May 20, 1899.—Bill and shield blood-red on a dirty whitish horn-coloured ground; feet yellowish horn with grey joints.

CHARADRIUS DOMINICUS P. L. S. Müll.; Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 152 (1899).

*Charadrius fulvus* Gm.; Wigglesw. t. c. p. 63.

No. 115. ♀ juv. Hoy Head, Espiritu Santo, Sept. 17, 1899.—Bill and feet fuscous; iris brown.

BUTORIDES STAGNATILIS (Gould); Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. xxvi. p. 183 (1898).

*Butorides javanica* (Horsf.); Wigglesw. t. c. p. 68.

No. 8. Ad. No. 9. ♀ juv. Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 12, 1899.—Feet yellowish brown.

DEMIEGRETTA SACRA (Gm.); Wigglesw. t. c. p. 67 (1891); Sharpe, Hand-l. B. i. p. 198 (1899).

No. 21. Imm. (dark phase). Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 15, 1899.

No. 22. ♂ ad. (dark phase). Sandwich Bay, Mallicollo, May 15, 1899.—Some dark plates in front of tarsi.

An adult and a young bird, the latter with a small white plume or two on the edge of the wing and on the thighs.

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XVIII.—*On some Birds from the Island of Negros, Philippines.*

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(Plate VIII.)

NOTWITHSTANDING the extremely unsettled state of affairs in the Philippine Archipelago, my friend Mr. W. A. Keay returned to his sugar-plantation on the east coast of the island of Negros in February 1899, and remained there

\* For previous papers on this subject see *Ibis*, 1894, pp. 531-535; 1895, pp. 472-479; and 1898, pp. 119-124.